

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8-15 and 19-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein and claims 2, 7 and 18 are amended. Claims 2 and 7 are rewritten in independent form. Claim 18 is amended to depend from claim 17 and to provide antecedent basis to the recitation "at least one reflecting element". No new matter is added. After entry of this Amendment, claims 2, 7 and 16-18 will remain pending in the patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 16-18 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 2-13, 19 and 25 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, claims 2 and 7 are rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 is also amended to clarify the intended meaning of this claim. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 7 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 14, 15 and 20-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on Mihara et al. (U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0160902). Claims 1, 14, 15 and 20-24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the rejection of these claims.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

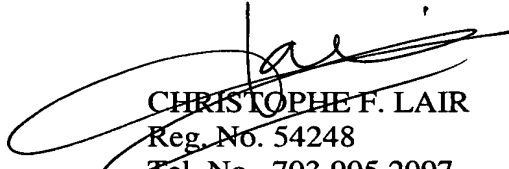
The rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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